



I-10 Marsh Station Area Improvement Project

The Arizona Department of Transportation will begin construction this fall 2012 to improve a segment of Interstate 10 approximately 15 miles west of Benson (mileposts 288-291).

Major features of the \$17.2 million project, which is located about 1.5 miles west of the new Marsh Station traffic interchange, include:

- ▶ Removal of the existing Pantano Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Bridge
- ▶ Construction of two new bridges at Cienega Creek
- ▶ Reconstruction and realignment of the westbound lanes of I-10
- ▶ Reconstruction of the eastbound lanes of I-10
- ▶ Widening the median
- ▶ Additional improvement work includes Cienega Creek bank protection, the construction of a retaining wall, new drainage and safety features, plus salvaging and replanting the existing natural landscaping along the project area.



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PROJECT BENEFITS

- ▶ The road realignment will allow for the construction of a median that will enhance safety and lessen traffic impacts when the bridges are built.
- ▶ By removing the Pantano UPRR Bridge, most commercial trucks will be able to travel on I-10 through the project area. The old bridge is too low for many of today's taller trucks, which are currently required to take a 67-mile detour along state routes 83, 82 and 90. The trucking industry, as well as the residents of Sonoita who have experienced heavy truck traffic through the community, have been waiting for the bridge's removal for some time and are looking forward to seeing the bridge removed.
- ▶ To ensure that the highway is not impacted by water flowing in Cienega Creek during heavy rains, the new bridges will be higher than the existing bridges.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- ▶ There will be minimal traffic impacts with two lanes of traffic remaining open through the work zone during each phase.
- ▶ There will be occasional night work requiring lane closures, as well as a full closure of I-10 when the old Pantano UPRR Bridge is removed early next year.

PROJECT INFORMATION

- ▶ ADOT will use roadway signs, traffic alerts, news media announcements and the project website to provide the public with information about traffic impacts. The public is encouraged to subscribe to receive email alerts about the project by visiting: azdot.gov/msimprovementproject

TIMELINE

- ▶ The safety improvement project will be completed in two phases:
 - ▶ Phase one will begin in November 2012 with reconstruction and realignment of westbound I-10, removal of the Pantano UPRR Bridge and construction of a new westbound I-10 Cienega Creek Bridge.
 - ▶ Phase two is scheduled to begin in early summer 2013 and will include reconstruction of eastbound I-10, construction of the new eastbound I-10 Cienega Creek Bridge and demolition of the old eastbound and westbound I-10 Cienega Creek Bridges
 - ▶ The project is scheduled for completion in spring 2014.
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